

Town of



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## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS,** In 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees. This holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, and

**WHEREAS,** Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world, and

**WHEREAS,** trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife, and

**WHEREAS,** trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires, and countless other wood products. Trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community, and

**WHEREAS,** trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal and Amherst has been recognized as a Tree City USA by The National Arbor Day Foundation and desires to continue its tree-planting ways,

**NOW, THEREFORE,** We, The Select Board of the Town of Amherst, do hereby proclaim April 25, 2009, as

## ARBOR DAY

in the Town of Amherst, and we urge all citizens to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands and to support our Town's urban forestry program.

**VOTED AND DATED** this 6th day of April, 2009

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